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- 1. LEE AND OTERO IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF ATU SENDING REP TO PARTICIPATE IN TOSHI KOTSU CONVENTION.
- 2. OTERO TELEPHONED MARONEY FORTHWITH TO URGE THAT HE ATTEND OR SEND SENIOR ATU REP IN HIS PLACE IF HE CAN NOT. MARONEY SAID HE HAD NOT ACTUALLY CANCELED HIS RESERVATIONS, THAT HE HAD NOT REALIZED IMPORTANCE AND IMPLICATIONS OF ATU NON-ATTENDANCE, AND THAT HE HAD TENTATIVELY DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESS OF PROPOSITION 13 IN CALIFORNIA. MARONEY EXPLAINED THAT MANY OF HIS UNION MEMBERS MAY LOSE THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF PROPOSITION 13 AND HE FEARED THAT THEY WOULD LOOK WITH A CRITICAL EYE ON HIS PLANNED TRIP TO JAPAN AS AN UNNECESSARY BOONDOGGLE. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES AS EXPLAINED BY OTERO, MARONEY STATED THAT EITHER HE OR ANOTHER SENIOR ATU OFFICER WOULD ATTEND AND THAT IN EITHER CASE THE SCHEDULE WHICH HE HAD ALREADY FORWARDED TO TOSHI KOTSU WOULD STAND. AS SOON AS

MARONEY KNOWS DEFINITELY WHO WILL ATTEND HE WILL WIRE

DIRECT TO TOSHI KOTSU. HE WILL MAKE A DEFINITE EFFORT TO ATTEND HIMSELF.

- 4. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE CHEESE MORE BINDING, BOTH LEE AND OTERO WILL SEND LETTERS TO MARONEY CONFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF ATU ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT HE OR ANOTHER SENIOR ATU REP WILL ATTEND IT.
- 5. IN OTERO'S LETTER TO MARONEY, OTERO WILL STRESS OUR WILLINGNESS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSMISSION OF ANY MESSAGE TO TOSHI KOTSU. VANCE

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